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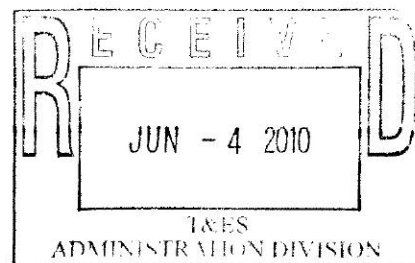
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The Honorable Members of Alexandria City Council
Alexandria City Hall
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SUBJECT: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Recommendations Regarding Future Studies for the DoD/BRAC 133 Project at Mark Center, Alternatives Related to the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for Interstate 395 and Seminary Road

Dear Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to advise the Alexandria City Council of the Board's objective to work with the City on developing alternatives for the Interchange Justification Report (IJR) for Interstate 395 and Seminary Road. The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)/BRAC 133 Development at the Mark Center is a project of regional significance. Fairfax County has every interest in cooperating with the City of Alexandria, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and other regional agencies affected by this project to ensure that a viable and effective solution is identified and implemented at this location.

Based on the alternatives presented earlier, and input from the citizens, City and County Staff, the Board of Supervisors is in full support of the study of Alternatives F and G for the Interstate 395 and Seminary Road Interchange. Previously, the Board supported a modified Alternative D which provided a direct HOV/HOT/Transit link to the Mark Center property. While this modified alternative may have provided the best transportation solution, the County recognizes the Alexandria community's concerns raised over potential impacts to the Winkler Botanical Preserve, and now supports the study of new Alternatives F and G. The County appreciates the City's willingness to fund this study, and strongly recommends any alternative carried forward include considerations for public transit access directly into the Mark Center property (i.e. access that would not require public transit from the I-395 HOV/HOT lanes to use Seminary Road to reach the Mark Center); this with the understanding that it not create significant financial or timeline impacts to the alternatives analysis.

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Again, we thank the City of Alexandria for its cooperative efforts to solve this regional transportation issue created by the DoD/BRAC 133 Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the County's Transportation Director, Kathy Ichter, if you wish to discuss this matter in more depth. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon S. Bulova". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "B".

Sharon S. Bulova
Chairman

cc: The Honorable James P. Moran, U.S. Congressman, 8th District of Virginia
The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, U.S. Congressman, 11th District of Virginia
The Honorable Frank R. Wolf, U.S. Congressman, 10th District of Virginia
The Honorable Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable John McHugh, Secretary of the Army
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